

May 24, 2017

## Memorandum

To: Administrator Pruitt  
From: Aaron Ringel, DAA OCIR  
Cc: Troy Lyons, AA OCIR  
Ryan Jackson, COS  
Re: Meeting w/Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO08) on May 25, 2017

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**PURPOSE:** You are scheduled to meet with Congressman Jason Smith on Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be introductory in nature. The Congressman is interested in discussing some of the challenges farmers in southeast and south central Missouri have seen from the EPA under the previous Administration.



**BIOGRAPHY:** Smith grew up in rural southern Missouri and went to high school in Salem. His parents worked in an auto shop, and his family has long been involved with agriculture — he now owns the family farm. His father was also a minister. He majored in agricultural economics and business administration from the University of Missouri, then studied law at Oklahoma City University. Smith completed his law degree in 2004, then returned home to start a legal career. He also operates his own real estate development business.

Winning a special election for his seat, Smith was first elected to Congress in 2013, before which he served as a state representative. He currently sits on the House Committees on Budget and Ways & Means.

### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

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